



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 4, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, P-12 BUILDING
6:00 pm**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Monty Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

OPENING CEREMONY

Monty Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ed Hedges	Seat A	P
Peter Denmark	Seat B	P
Brad Von Wichman	Seat C	A
Monty Irvin	Seat D	P
Seat E	Seat E	Vacant
Arnie Arneson	Seat F	P
Matt Kopec	Seat G	P

MOTION: Arnie Arneson made a motion to excuse Brad Von Wichman from today's Ports & Harbor meeting.

SECOND: Ed Hedges seconded the motion.

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Y Brad VonWichman O Monty Irvin Y Seat E __ Arnie Arneson Y Matt Kopec Y

VOTE: The vote passed by unanimous decision.

DISCUSSION: None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Sue Miller, Harbormaster
Thomas Bolen, City Manager
Jennifer Rogers, Deputy City Clerk

PUBLIC CITIZENS PRESENT

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Arnie Arneson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of March 4, 2014.

SECOND: Peter Denmark seconded the motion.

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Y Brad VonWichman O Monty Irvin Y Seat E__ Arnie Arneson Y Matt Kopec Y

VOTE: The vote passed by unanimous decision.

DISCUSSION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Arnie Arneson made a motion to approve the Port & Harbor Regular Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2014 as is.

SECOND: Peter Denmark seconded the motion.

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Y Brad VonWichman O Monty Irvin Y Seat E__ Arnie Arneson Y Matt Kopec Y

VOTE: The vote passed by unanimous decision.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Harbormaster Report

See original Harbormaster's report in clerk's packet.

Sue Miller reported on the following topics:

- Focused on accounts in arrears
- Categorized accounts 60 days past due
- Sent out warning letters
- Wrote off accounts which exceeded the statute of limitations
- Began work on the ocean dock on February 28, 2014
- Compiled a comparison list of moorage, boat lifts, wait lists, waste oil, etc.
- Provided copies of the Harbor Policies, Regulations, etc.
- Alpine Electric will replace damaged meters and raceway at the ocean dock lighting system.

Sue welcomed questions from the commission.

Peter Denmark and Arnie Arneson inquired about the harbor's collection procedure. Sue Miller and Thomas Bolen responded in detail the process involved.

B. City Manager's Report

Passenger Transportation Float

Thomas Bolen stated that the transportation float is presently being fabricated. He mentioned that he had contact with a representative from URS who informed him that Alyeska Pipeline is in the process of decommissioning Berth 1 at the oil tank terminal in Valdez. A substantial portion of Berth 1 is a floating dock. Tom made contact with the people at Alyeska to find out if we can obtain the dock.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Harbor Moorage Rate List/Miscellaneous Rate List

Covered under Harbormaster's report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Interim Realistic Goals

Not discussed

Chair, Monty Irvin invited members to make comments regarding the Town Hall Meeting that was held the previous week. Peter Denmark stated that the dealings of the Ports & Harbor are excluded from the railroad. The P&H business is on the harbor uplands and water access. He further added that as individuals, everyone should weigh in on the issues, but questioned whether or not the P&H should make recommendations.

City Manager, Thomas Bolen stated that the P&H commission's focus is not just the boat harbor, but all port and harbor type facilities that the city owns. He suggested that they discuss the DeLong Dock, harbor uplands, head of the bay, Tract 4 and 5. All areas discussed at the Town Hall Meeting should be discussed as they pertain to the P&H, with the exception of Tract 2. He encouraged them to make some type of statement to the City Council. There was much discussion regarding the land in consideration for trade with the railroad.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Charlene Arneson commended the Commission on their progress. Don Stevens asked if the parking lot at the head of the bay can be graded and add camp grounds. Thomas Bolen replied that the parking lot is currently under City management. The City lost all land at the head of the bay and has no authority to do anything there in terms of camping. Ed Hedges asked if camping spots can be created on the parking lot. Thomas Bolen replied that there are no camping regulations at the head of the bay.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS: April 1, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to adjourn the meeting.


SECOND: Arnie Arneson seconded the motion.

Ed Hedges Y Peter Denmark Y Brad VonWichman Q Monty Irvin Y Seat E Arnie Arneson Y Matt Kopec Y


VOTE: The vote passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Attest:



Jennifer Rogers
Deputy City Clerk

 Via Chair

Monty Irvin
Chair